

Soviet and East German Reaction

Presidium of German Peoples Police announcement blames "criminal elements from West Berlin" for inciting the riots. Eleven (11) men arrested.

East German commentary carries generally forgiving tone, stating that workers, having learned of measures which the SED yesterday decided on for a democratic order and higher living standard than in West Germany, have now given pledges of loyalty and cooperation with the government. Everyone must labor toward an all-German government, free elections and a peace treaty.

Czech broadcasts give brief announcement of the emergency in East Berlin, blaming the West for the disorders.

Tass blames the riots on foreign agents from West Berlin. Pravda refers to the collapse of the adventure of foreign hirelings.

A late East German press or radio broadcast refers to participation in the riots by American officers in uniform, directing operations from radio cars while Western planes dropped leaflets.

Many comments on the affair stressed the Nazi tone of Western provocation, referring to Fascist or Nazi agents, crowds singing the Deutschland-Lied and the Horstwessel-Lied.